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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1166

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Officer Yamil Baez-Santiago.

WHEREAS, The members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the untimely death of Officer Yamil Baez-Santiago at age 23; and

WHEREAS, a native of San Juan, Puerto Rico, Officer Baez-Santiago was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens as a member of the Clarksville Police Department, as well as in other capacities; and

WHEREAS, on June 7, 2002, Officer Yamil Baez-Santiago, along with his partner, Officer David J. Scott, was killed in the line of duty protecting the Clarksville community that he so dearly loved and so valiantly served; and

WHEREAS, a man of outstanding courage and bravery, Yamil Baez-Santiago dedicated his life to serving his community and his country; and

WHEREAS, before his tenure with the Clarksville Police Department, he proudly served this nation in the 347th Infantry of the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, he was later transferred to the 438 Military Police Company in the Kentucky National Guard, where he served for several years; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his military service, Officer Baez-Santiago had diligently served with the Kentucky Department of Corrections; and

WHEREAS, after the tragic events of September 11, 2001, Yamil Baez-Santiago felt compelled to assist in the enhancement of airport security in order to thwart future attacks on American citizens; he served in this capacity until he accepted a position with the Clarksville Police Department on February 3, 2002; and

WHEREAS, his numerous professional accomplishments aside, Yamil Baez-Santiago was fortunate to share love and companionship with his devoted wife of five years, Rosimar Rivera-Ortega; and

WHEREAS, he was also the loving father of two children, daughter, Yamilex L. Baez-Rivera, and son, Christian Y. Baez-Rivera; and

WHEREAS, he will also be deeply missed by his sister who resides in San Juan, Puerto Rico, and by his fellow officers at the Clarksville Police Department; and

WHEREAS, his unflagging devotion to the people of his community motivated him to perform his duties in a manner above reproach; and

WHEREAS, Officer Yamil Baez-Santiago served with courage and gallantry and deserves proper recognition for his heroism in the line of duty in which he made the ultimate sacrifice in furtherance of public safety and welfare; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of Officer Yamil Baez-Santiago of the Clarksville Police Department, reflecting fondly upon his great courage in the line of duty and dedicated service to law enforcement, his impeccable character, and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Officer Yamil Baez-Santiago.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.